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RESPONSE TO REPLY BRIEF

1. The Reply Brief, filed 08/15/2007, has been received, carefully reviewed and entered. All issues have been addressed in the Examiner's Answer. The Application is being forwarded to the Board of Appeals for further consideration.

2. Reply Brief Summary:

2.1 Appellants acquiesce that the Claimed Invention is not drawn to centralized simulation, but only centralized coordination. (Reply Brief: page 1)

2.2 Appellants attempt to inject simulation into the definition of coordination (Brief page 1: "server computing device coordinates [...] to efficiently simulate a complex system").

2.3 Appellants argue that the reference does not disclose coordination of interaction of the remote agents.

3. Response to Reply Brief:

3.1 Regarding subsection 1 *supra*, Appellants' acquiescence is noted and appreciated, as it simplifies the issues before the Board.

3.2 Regarding subsection 2 *supra*, it is noted that Coordination cannot be simulation as the concepts are clearly separate and distinct. This issue has been addressed numerous times in the Examiner's Answer. See Examiner's Answer paragraph 10.9.2.

3.3 Regarding subsection 3 *supra*, the change in Appellants' argument is first presented after the acquiescence, but nevertheless has been addressed in the Examiner's Answer. See

Examiner's Answer paragraph 10.4 with emphasis on paragraph 10.4.1.

Coordination is an act that creates order. The hub of the Ulrich reference creates order between the remote exercise machines and the way they communicate; thus, it coordinates.

See, for example, Ulrich's Fig 8 and 9, wherein the hub (correlates to claimed "server computing device") coordinates the communication and therefore the interaction of the exercise machines (correlates to claimed "remote agents").

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